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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes

Director of Public Works

BOARD AGENDA, JUNE 18, 2002 STUDY TO ASSESS THE IMPACTS OF AERIAL DEPOSITION ON THE BENEFICIAL USE OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY AGENDA ITEM NO. 64

We are recommending that your Board approve the Agreement with the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) in the amount of \$100,000 to develop the second phase of the Aerial Deposition Study to determine the load and the impacts of aerial pollutant deposition on the Santa Monica Bay.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit mandates and future Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) require a good understanding of where sources of pollution are generated and what feasible methods exist to control them. The study will continue investigating the sources and magnitude of air pollution and its impact on surface water runoff into the Santa Monica Bay. This study will assist the County in developing strategies to meet future water quality objectives.

In February 1999, your Board approved Agreement No. 72038 with the SCCWRP to conduct the first phase of the study. We are requesting Board approval to continue participating in this study and in the funding of Phase II. The Phase II Study is to further investigate the sources of the metals and evaluate the extent and magnitude of nutrient deposition.

This study is a collaborative effort involving the County; the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project; the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region; and SCCWRP.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Brian Sasaki, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4008.

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